And they did make no noyſe, in ſuch a night,
*Troylus* me-thinks mounted the Troyan wals,
And ſigh'd his ſoule toward the Grecian Tents
Where *Creſſada* lay that night.
*Ieſſica.* In ſuch a night
Did *Thisbie* fearefully ore-trip the dew,
And ſaw the Lyons ſhadow ere himſelfe,
And ranne diſmayed away.
*Loren.* In ſuch a night
Stood *Dido* with a willow in her hand
Vpon the wilde ſea banks, and waft her Loue
To come againe to *Carthage.*
*Ieſſica.* In ſuch a night,
*Medea* gathered the inchanted hearbs
That did renew old *Eſon.*
*Loren.* In ſuch a night
Did *Ieſſica* ſteale from the wealthy Iew,
And with an vnthrift loue did runne from Venice,
As farre as Belmont.
*Ieſſica.* In ſuch a night
Did young *Lorenzo* ſweare he loued her well,
Stealing her ſoule with many vowes of faith,
And nere a true one.
*Loren.* In ſuch a night
Did pretty *Ieſſica* (like a little ſhrew)
Slander her Loue, and he forgaue it her.
*Ieſſica.* I would out-night you did nobody come:
But hearke, I heare the footing of a man.

*Enter a Meſſenger.*

*Loren.* Who comes ſo faſt in ſilence of the night?
*Meſſen.* A friend.
*Loren.* A friend, what friend, your name I pray you friend.
*Meſſen. Stephano* is my name, and I bring word
My miſtris will before the breake of day





Be heere at *Belmont*, ſ
By holy croſſes where
For happy wedlockes
*Loren.* Who comes
*Meſſen.* None but a
I pray you is my Maſte
*Loren.* He is not, no
But goe we in I pray th
And ceremoniouſly le
Some welcome for the

*Clowne.* Sola, ſola: w
*Loren.* Who calles?
*Clown.* Sola, did you
*Loren.* Leaue hollow
*Clown.* Sola, where,
*Loren.* Heere.
*Clown.* Tell him th
his horne full of good
ning, ſweete ſoule.
*Loren.* Let's in, and
And yet no matter; w
My friend *Stephano*, ſig
Within the houſe, your
And bring your muſic
How ſweete the Moon
Heere will we ſit, and l
Creepe in our eares ſof
Become the tutches of
Sit *Ieſſica*, looke how th
Is thicke inlayed with
There's not the ſmalle
But in his motion like a
Still quiring to the you

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